

courage and sacrifice of the people of Poland, who never lost their determination to advance the cause of Polish independence. Let us come together to wish the Polish people one hundred years more of close friendship between our nations and the democratic values that bind us.

HONORING BRIAN GAMACHE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Brian Gamache, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Brian worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as a member of our political operations team. Brian has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our team.

On a personal note, Brian is a positive, no excuses, nose to the grind stone kind of leader that makes every team stronger. I enjoyed our many trips and long talks traveling the state of Indiana. I want to thank Brian for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish Brian continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING MRS. EVELYN
WALKER ROBINSON ON HER
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mrs. Evelyn Walker Robinson on a momentous milestone, her 100th birthday, which was on December 2, 2018. Evelyn will be celebrating with family and friends on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana.

Evelyn Walker Robinson was born on December 2, 1918, in Montgomery, Alabama, to Homer and India Walker. When Evelyn was only fifteen months old, she and her family relocated to Gary. Shortly after, in 1920, her family joined First Baptist Church, where Evelyn has remained a devoted and faithful parishioner ever since. She was married to her beloved husband, Wesley Ben (Bennie) Robinson, for many years until his passing in 1968.

Evelyn worked most of her life, holding various positions within state and local government agencies, including the Lake County Department of Public Welfare and what is now known as the Division of Family Resources. Mrs. Robinson also worked for twenty-eight years for the Lake County Economic Opportunity Council, during which time she served as the director of the Emergency Food and Medical Services Program and the Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

In addition to her career in the public sector, Mrs. Robinson has selflessly given of her time

and efforts to charitable work, serving as a member of the Midtown Gary Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. Evelyn has also been a dedicated and hard-working parishioner of First Baptist Church throughout the years. She has supported and devoted her time to many of the community and church programs, including the Baptist Young Peoples Union, Sunday School, Girl Scouts of America, Daughters of Charity, Deaconess Board, Sadie Mack Mission Circle, and the Board of Christian Education. For her tireless commitment to the community of Gary and to First Baptist Church, Evelyn is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Evelyn Walker Robinson on her special day. Evelyn's selfless and lifelong dedication to serving those most in need throughout the community of Gary and beyond is remarkable, and she is truly an inspiration and role model for us all. Please join me in wishing Evelyn Walker Robinson a very happy 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO KRISTEN STONE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kristen Stone. Kristen and her fellow teammates created the winning app in Iowa's Third District for the Congressional App Challenge 2018. Their team attends Waukee High School and Prairie View Middle School in Waukee, Iowa.

The Congressional App Challenge encourages students to learn how to code through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. The team's app was entitled "FastLane." It was designed to give students and parents information about their bus routes, bus delays and assist with changing routes.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Kristen for creating the winning app with her team. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kristen and wishing her nothing but continued success.

HONORING DOMINIQUE YANTKO

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Dominique Yantko, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Dom served as a Legislative Assistant in our Washington, D.C. office for more than a year. She handled the armed services, veterans' affairs, healthcare, budget, energy and commerce, and foreign affairs legislative port-

folios. Dom brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise, specifically on issues relating to the military and our veterans.

On a personal note, I admire Dom's loyalty, intellect and work ethic. She has been a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt Dom's future is very bright. I want to thank Dom for her friendship and her hard work in our office. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her and her family.

HONORING MAYOR RALPH RUBIO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the retiring Mayor of Seaside, California, Ralph Rubio, for his career in public service and his commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California. His leadership has improved the lives of many, and I am honored to acknowledge this legacy today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Throughout his two decades in public office, Mayor Rubio has remained committed to growing the local economy and increasing access to city services for residents. During his time on the Seaside City Council, Mayor Rubio led initiatives that prioritized city development and diligent budgeting. As Mayor of Seaside, he supported the expansion of vital city services, including police and fire departments, anti-gang and drug programs, and city beautification. Seaside students benefit daily from his work to support increased funding for public schools, allowing for necessary repairs, improving school safety, and retaining quality educators. Mr. Rubio's record of serving his constituents certainly left a lasting impact on the City of Seaside and the Monterey Peninsula.

A lifelong resident of Seaside, Mr. Rubio has continuously demonstrated his commitment to civic engagement. He has dedicated his time to multiple boards and commissions, working diligently to improve transportation infrastructure and decrease water pollution. He also served as Chair of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, overseeing the development of the former military base to strengthen the local economy while also protecting the environment.

In addition to his professional efforts, Mr. Rubio is an active volunteer for many organizations. He has chaired the Seaside Special Olympics Committee, offering sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and is a proud member of the National Council of La Raza and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

As Mr. Rubio celebrates his retirement, I am proud to commend him on his invaluable work as a public servant for the past two decades. On behalf of Central Coast residents, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Seaside Mayor Ralph Rubio for his public service and wishing him a long and healthy retirement.